

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS,)
AUSTIN, March 18, 1873. }

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: I have the honor to return to the Senate, where originated, the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to adjust the matter of difference of the hypothecation of certain bonds with Williams & Guion, in the city of New York."

This resolution concedes facts in relation to the authority of Williams & Guion to sell, which do not exist, according to my understanding of the agreement with them.

It is also objectionable in respect to the clause forbidding the Governor to sell any bonds issued, which makes practically impossible to get the means for paying off Williams & Guion. I understand that this provision was inadvertently embraced in the act.

I have delayed my return of this act under the impression that a substitute for it could be adopted that would avoid these complications, but I cannot hold it beyond to-day without permitting it to become a law.

I therefore now ask the Senate to reconsider their action herein.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.